

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 29 Jan 52	2. LOCATION KOREA	12. CONCLUSIONS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 29/2200 1 29/1300 Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	5. SOURCE B-29 Aircrew
6. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 min.	7. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	8. COURSE 274°
9. COMMENTS <p>1. Observers, who have made various combat missions over N. Korea, stated that they had never seen any similar objects before.</p> <p>2. It is believed that object was same type of a/c (enemy or UN).</p> <p><i>See last pg for analysis</i></p>		

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DATE OF INFO 29 Jan 52

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LOCATION Korea

W/ G/P NO. FEAF Wire

SOURCE Two B-29 Crews

DATE OF REPORT 30 Jan 52

DATE IN TO ATIC 1 Feb 52

TIME OF OCCURRING 2300 Local and 2324 Local

COLOR Fiery-like sun.

SHAPE Disk

G/P:J Same as B-29

SIZE Appeared to be 3! diameter

ALTITUDE Same as B-29

COURSE Same as B-29

1 Minute and 0.5 Minutes

NO. IN GROUP one

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Visual-Air
Pulled up to 29 from 8 O'clock
MAINTAINING and flew formation

MEDIUM None

Seen by two different crews at two different times at two different locations

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[REDACTED] Cryptoprecaution applies. A 1925 Int-Eval Pass to b/I.

¹ Following report is quoted in entirety from FEAF Bomber Command Daily Summary for 30 January 1952 and covering operations during the night of 29 - 30 January. At 2300/1 one unidentified object was observed by the CFC, left scanner and tail gunner of aircraft No. 7332 at CU-4020. ^{Was seen - 50 miles off S. Corin.} The disc shaped object, size estimated by observers as 3 ft. across, was first observed parallel on course, at 8 o'clock level, a distance from B29 unknown. This object remained with the B-29 for approximately five minutes. The object appeared at 8 o'clock level going away from 29. B-29 was at 22,500 ft., heading 274° , 148 knot ground speed.

At 2324/1, ^{object} ^{similar 33E} one disc shaped was observed, by the left and tail gunners of aircraft #2224, at YD-5459. The unidentified object was observed shortly before receiving flak. The object approached the 29 from between 8 and 9 o'clock level then withdrew and disappeared at the same clock position.

The observers estimated the object to be approximately three feet across when at its nearest point to the B-29. The object was observed for one minute at which time the weather was CAVU. The object appeared to be spinning and a color resembling the sun.

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Comments by 98 Bomb Wing Intelligence Officer:

Because of the unusual nature of this sighting as well as the similar one reported above special effort was made to eliminate all possible known alternatives concerning the possibility that this could have been a plexiglass reflection. It is to be noted that two different crew members spotted the object from different positions at the same time. In regard to flak, flares, and rockets, crew members indicated their familiarity with such objects. In all cases crew members were veterans of WW II combat crewmen, and had had several combat missions in Korea. They stated very emphatically that the sightings noted above bore no resemblance whatsoever to anything they had previously experienced; The possibility that such stories had been fabricated is believed to be obviated by the fact that the crews involved, from different squadrons, flew on different missions and were interrogated at widely separate times (1 hour). In conclusion it is the opinion of this officer that these sightings represent another example of new technique and warfare under test by the enemy.

Comment by D/I, FEAF Bomber Command:

It is assumed that there is still a real possibility that these phenomenon may very well indicate the presence of new enemy flare devices, despite the unit intelligence officer's feelings that such possibilities are ruled out. Aside from that, it is worth mentioning that the 98th Wing Commander was present during the interrogation, and warned the crew members as to their responsibilities in reporting such observations. Special report of unidentified flying objects will be submitted.

View of utter lack of similar observations in the past and no firm indications on which to base evaluation requests your comments in regard to above.

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TO AMC WPAFB OHIO TO CHIEF AIRTECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER

EMT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO TO CG AIR DEFENSE COMMAND

INFO CS USAF WASH DC DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE DCS/3 HHS USAF WASHDC

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SUBJ ISREPT ON INFO ONUNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBBCTS: 11/ *4. Central Fire*
OBSERVED 1 GLOBE SHAPED OBJECT, WITH SLIGHT TEARDROP EFFECT
NOTED ON ONE SIDE, SIZE ESTIMATED TO BE 3 FEET ACROSS WHEN
ITS NEAREST POINT TO B-29 GKD THE SIZE WAS NOT DEFINITELY
ASCERTAINED, AS THIS IS DEPENDENTHBO HE DISTANCE FROM THE
OBSERVER, AND THE DISTANCE WAS NOT KNOW. THE OBJECT WAS OF A
COLOR RESEMBLING THE SUN, A LIGHT ORANGE, BUT OCCASIONALLY
CHANGED TO A BLUISH TINT. THE OUTER EDGE OF THE OBJECT APPEARED
TO BE FUNKY WHEN IT WAS AT ITS NEAREST PNT. IT SEEMED TO HAVE
AN INTERNAL CHURNING MOVEMENT LIKE FLAMES OR FIERC GASES.
THE OBJECT WAS FIRST OBSERVED PARELLEL ON COURSE AT 6 OCLOCK
LEVEL, WHERE IT SEEMED TO BE ABOUT THE SIZE OF A SAUCER
ISADUALLY BECOMING LARGER AS IT APPROACHED THE B-29 PB IT CAME
IN ON THE SAME LEVEL AS THE B-29 AND REMAINEDRN THE SAME

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RELATIVE POSITION TO THE B-29 / ZOCLOCK LEVEL / FOR 5 MINUTES.
THEN IT LEFT THE B-29 ON THE SAME PATHY THAT IT CAME IN ON, Cu4020

FADING AWAY INTO THE DISTANCE. 12/ VKHTED OIJAN 22 15 222

FOR A PERIOD OF 5/5/ MINUTES. 13/ GCE R CENTRAL FIRE CONTROL,

LEFT AND TAIL GUNNERS, FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS IN THE

B-29, OBSERVED THE HGBJECT WITHOUT THE AID OF ANY OPTICAL OR

ELCTRONIC EQUIPMENT. THE B-29 WAS AT 22500 FEET, GROUNDSPEED

140 KNOTS. 14/ THE 3 FA FVERS WERE AIRBORNE IN THE B-29

AT THE FOLLOWING CREW POSITIONS: 15/ CENTRAL FIRE CONTROL

GUNNERPVREN B/ LEFT GUNNER/ C/ TAILGUNNER PO OB ECT WAS

OBSEFVED AT 39° NORTH -127° EAST. OBJECT WAS ON A COURSE

ABOUT PARALLEL TO THAT OF BOLD-29 WHICH WAS 274DEG TRUE.

1 SEE PARAGRAPH 14 ABOVE FOR OTHER INFO 16/ THE OBSERVERS

COMPLETED NUMEROUS COMBAT MISSIONS OVER GERMANY DURING WORLD

WAR 2 AND HAVE FLOWN MKRETHAN 15 COMBAT MISSIONS OVER KOREAN

ON THE BASIS OF THEIR COMBAT EXPERIENCE AND THEIR ACCURACY

IN REPORTING PREVIOUS SIGHTINGS, THE OBSERVERS ARE CONSIDERED

ELIABLE. 17/ WEATHER WAS CAVU WITH WINDS FROM G OS 70 DEG AT

50 KNOT S. 18/ NEG /EITEC/ NEG/9/NEG

Details of 1300Z 515747

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Fn PRMF Bomber Comd Yikota Japan

To MC WPAFB Ohio, For Chief Air Tech Intel Center

Adf Ent AFB Colo For CG ADF

Info GS USAF Wash DC, For Director of Intel

Subj is report on info on unidentified flying objects: (1) observed 1 globe shaped object with a slight tear drop effect noted on lower side. Estimated size to be 3 feet across when at its nearest point to B-29. The size was not definitely established as the distance from the observer was not known. The color of the object resembled the sun, a light orange, and it occasionally changed to a bluish tint. The outer edge of the object appeared to be fuzzy and it seemed to have an internal churning movement like flames or fiery gases when it was at its nearest point to B-29. The object was first observed parallel on course at 8 o'clock lever, where it seemed to be about the size of a saucer, gradually becoming larger as it approached the B-29. It came in on the same level as the B-29 and remained in the same relative position to the B-29 for approximately 1 min and then receded on the same path, fading away in the distance.

(2) Sighted on Jan 29 13 2hZ for a period of approximately 1 min. (3) The left gunner and tail gunner observed the object without the use of any optical or electrocic equipment. The B-29 was at 22250 feet and ground speed 125 knots. (4) The 2 observers were airborne on the B-29 in the crew positions of left gunner and tail gunner. Object was observed at 10 5h69 and level with the B-29. (5) The observers are veterans of World War 2 combat and have flown several combat missions over Korea and are thoroughly familiar with Flak, flares and rockets. The observers stated very emphatically that the object observed bore no resemblance whatsoever to anything they had previously seen. This sighting is almost the same as sighting reported in BOY 5h47. This report came from a different squadron and interrogations were conducted at different times.

Details of 13292 sighting

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AFB EWT AFB COLO FOR CG AFM
INFO CS USAF WASHDC, FOR DIRECTOR OF INTEL
FEAF TOKYO JAPAN

SUBJ IS REPT ON INFO ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS: (1) OBSERVED
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OBSERVED PARALLEL ON COURSE AT 2 OCLOCK LEVEL, WHERE IT SEEMED TO BE

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INFO:

FROM: AFICL, WOODALL.

TO: AFICL-C/CC, PARKER PASS TO CO, FEAF

Reference your message A 1925 dated 310956Z re B-29 crew sighting of unidentified flying objects. Request that answers to following questions be forwarded immediately:

- (1) Geographical coordinates of location of sightings.
- (2) Altitudes, headings and air speeds of two aircraft at time of sighting.
- (3) Which direction did objects appear to be rotating?
- (4) Were times object was in sight estimated or timed in some way?
- (5) Why did object appear to be a disk; was it observed both edgewise and flat?
- (6) What was length to thickness ratio?
- (7) Have photo interpreters noticed anything on the ground similar to reported object?

Suggest that all combat crews be briefed to be alert for more such incidents and attempts be made to obtain photos. Further suggest that all fire control officers be briefed on the feasibility of making rough estimations using two sighting stations and approximations of size in comparison with reticle center dots. Alt is estimated to be two (2) mils. Reference all replies to AFICL-3117-C.

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AFICL-C, USAF

Asst Air Adjutant General

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FM HQ USAF WASHDC

TO HQ AMC WPAFB OHIO

FROM AFOIN-C/DD 52236 FOLLOWING CABLE CAF IN 74394
FROM CG FEAF TO HQ USAF QUOTED FOR YOUR INFO QUOTE REUR CITE AMC
3117 C 5 FEB (1) FIRST OBS 390 IN/1270SE ALT 22250 HDG 289 DEG
GRD SPD 125 KTS; (2) BRILLIANCE AND SHIMMERING OF LIGHT SUGGESTED
SPINNING OR ROTATION, BUT OBSRS COULD NOT STATE DEFINITELY APPARENT
MOVEMENT WAS ACTUAL; (3)-(OMITTED FROM MESSAGE), (4) ESTIMATED;
(5) ON RE-INTERROGATION OBSRS DESCRIBED OBJS AS GLOBULAR RATHER
THAN FLAT AND DESCRIPTION GIVEN INITIAL REPORT AS SAUCER SHAPED
INTENDED TO INDICATE ROUNDNESS WITHOUT REFERENCE TO DEPTH OR THICKNESS.
OBJS NOT OBSRD EDGEWISE AND LAT BUT ONLY WITH LINE OF SIGHT PERPENDICULAR
TO PLANE OF OBJS; (6) NOT POSS TO EST; (7) NEGATIVE.

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SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED YOUR MSG HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO FEAF BONCOM.
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TO: [REDACTED] ADD: [REDACTED] ATTN: [REDACTED] ATTC

THROUGH: [REDACTED] COL [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

DATE: 14 February 1952

FROM: (Originator)

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TO:

Director of Intelligence
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

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310956Z

C. P. MSG

INFO:

ATTN: ATTC-A Subject: Comments on RAP Observations of Unidentified Objects, 30 Jan 52. Reference above subject and telephone conversation between the undersigned and Col Sherman on 1 Feb, following possibilities considered: (a) Exhaust shock flame from aircraft engine running rich. Considered doubtful because no known Soviet aircraft have exhaust flame arrangement that would produce this illusion. (b) Jet aircraft engine or afterburner exhaust. Considered doubtful because it is thought such an exhaust would have been recognized and identified by observers. (c) Vortex in airstream. Considered doubtful because of time of sighting and description of object as colored. (d) Ramjet helicopter. Considered doubtful because of the unlikelihood of the presence of any such aircraft at the altitude and in the positions given, and because of the comparatively slow forward speed such an aircraft would possess. (e) Air-to-air weapon in the form of sheet metal discs dropped from higher altitude. Germany was known to have had such a development during World War II. Such a weapon might well have the disc-shaped appearance and the spinning motion described, and it might also either be illuminated or

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excluding illumination from own other source. However, the description of the object sighted as having maintained a position parallel to the sighting airplane for some time, would seem to eliminate this possibility. It is therefore considered doubtful, although somewhat less so than other possibilities mentioned above.

(e) "Fireballs." These phenomena made their appearance over both Germany and Japan during World War II. They have never been completely explained, and there is no record of aircraft having been damaged by them. One evaluation is that they may have been flying bombs launched either from the ground or from aircraft, and that the characteristic fiery glow was the exhaust of the powered missile. Another is that they may have been ground-launched rockets containing illuminating or incendiary agents that drifted downwind on parachutes. Some such weapon or a development of it is considered a fair possibility in this case. (g) Towed bombs. This weapon was developed in 1942 by Germany, and in its original application was intended as a defense by bombers against pursuing fighters. It consisted of a bomb of 20 to 25 kg in weight attached to a wire some 100 to 250 metres long, planned to cause

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the execution of wide circling circles behind the bomber when the wire was paid out from the bomber's tail. It could be exploded at will by a crew member of the bomber. A variation of this weapon that may have been intended for use against bombers, was a cylindrical object trailed by wires from a plane. Such a weapon would appear circular or disc-shaped, might well take on a spinning motion when trailed, might be illuminated or reflect light, and might for a time, parallel the course of an aircraft attacked; for these reasons it is considered a fair, or perhaps even a good, possibility.

USAF has been requested to supply additional details of sightings, and to alert all aircrews to watch for repetitions. The suggestion has also been made that crews attempt to measure distances, angles, size, etc. by a system employing Central Fire Control equipment. Signed, Air Technical Intelligence Center

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Lt Col Ray H. Taylor/ln

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FRANK L. BURN, Colonel, USAF

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CIAIC, Air Technical Intelligence Center

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APPENDIX III

Korea - 29 January 1952

I. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

On the night of 29 January 1952, 30 miles WSW of Wonson, Korea, three members of a B-29 crew, the tail, left, and top gunner, observed a light orange colored sphere for a period of five minutes. The object was on a parallel course to the B-29 at 8 o'clock level. The color of the object was further described as being the color of the sun with an occasional bluish tint. The outer edge of the object appeared to be fuzzy and it seemed to have an internal churning movement like flames or fiery gases. The object closed in on the B-29 to an undetermined distance, and then faded away in the distance.

The aircraft was on a heading of 274°, was at 22,500 ft. altitude and was making a ground speed of 148 knots. The time of the sighting was 2300 local Korean time. The weather was CAVU.

At 2324 local Korean time, members of another B-29 crew observed an identical object near Sunchon. This object was observed for one minute. The observers were the left and tail gunners. In this instance, the B-29 was at 22,250 ft.

The sources of these reports are all World War II veterans and veterans of previous combat missions in Korea. The crews were from different squadrons and were interrogated separately.

II. DISCUSSION OF THE INCIDENT

The times that the object or objects followed the B-29's indicate that the objects were propelled by some means, which eliminates the possibility of an unguided ground-to-air missile, drop missiles, etc. The color and shape of the flame were studied by members of the ATIC Propulsion Group to determine whether or not the flame could have been the exhaust of a conventional jet engine with or without an afterburner, a pulse-jet, ram-jet, or rocket engine. None of these possibilities were considered to be applicable.

The report is somewhat similar to the reports of "fireball-fighters", a type of phenomena observed in Europe during World War II. The exact nature of this phenomena was never determined but bomber crews reported large fiery balls, similar to the sun, passing through or near their formations. There is no documented evidence or data available on this phenomena, and all the information that has been obtained is verbal from World War II bomber crewmen, consequently, few actual facts are available.

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SUBJECT (Unc) Evaluation of Project Grudge Report

TO ATIAA-3a
Attn: Mr. Stranges

FROM ATIAA-2c

DATE 18 Feb 52 COMMENT NO. 1.
Lt Ruppelt/vs
54261/B 263D/P D-2

1. On two occasions on the night of 29 January 1952, B-29 crews observed a spherical shaped object paralleling their course. The object was described as being "the color of the sun with occasional bluish tint". Details of the report may be obtained from [redacted].

2. Since the objects followed the aircraft for times of one minute and five minutes, it can be safely assumed that they were propelled (i.e., not soaring or free-drop missiles). Therefore, it is requested that the shape and color of the reported flame be analyzed for the possibility of the object being:

- a. A conventional jet engine.
- b. A conventional jet engine with an afterburner.
- c. A ramjet engine.
- d. A pulse jet engine.
- e. A rocket engine.

EDWARD J. RUPPELT, 1st Lt, USAF
Aeronautical Sciences Group

TO ATIAA-2c

FROM ATIAA-3a

DATE 20 Feb 52 COMMENT NO. 2
Mr/ Stranges/deh
52275/Bldg263/P2AD

1. A review has been made of descriptive material regarding the observations made on the night of 29 January 1951 by members of B-29 crews of globe-like fiery objects flying courses similar to friendly aircraft for short durations.

2. This group concurs that the objects appear to be propelled but from the descriptions and the time durations cited it is not considered that the objects are conventional jet engine, conventional jet engine with afterburner, pulsejet or rocket propelled. Slight credence, however, is given to the possibility of a ramjet powered helicopter or a modification thereof, with provisions incorporated for exhausting along a section of the trailing edge of the rotor blade, creating the fuzzy edged, internal churning of flames and gases, globe shaped phenomena observed recently by the B-29 crews in Korea.

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PETER A. STRANGES
Reaction Power Plants Group
Propulsion Branch

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AFCIM-V/TC

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Unidentified Objects Sighted by U-29 Crews
Over Korea During the Night of 29-30 January 1952.

1. This branch has been queried with regard to the above sightings. Specifically we have been requested to release additional information concerning findings and evaluation of intelligence. The information below is presented in the hopes that it will clarify the situation and suffice to eliminate the big play given this incident in the nation's press.

2. The sightings mentioned, although of a ~~different~~ nature, as is usual, are not abnormal occurrences in the combat theatre. During World War II both Germany and Japan, combat crews reported sightings of a multitude of these types of objects which could not be identified or explained. These very often were reported as "fireballs," particularly from combat crews participating in flights over Japan. Very often these unidentified objects ~~were~~ ^{reported} to have performed violent maneuvers, travel at very high speeds, travel at very low speeds to the point of hovering, followed or flew formation with friendly aircraft, disappeared or disintegrated while in flight, etc. During the whole of World War II and subsequently to date, intelligence was never able to prove the existence of such unconventional phenomena nor was it able to determine the characteristics of these objects, if indeed they did exist. A summary evaluation of all such related incidents was made essentially as follows:

a. The sightings were the result of natural normal occurrences while in combat, e.g., flak, flaring and exploding aircraft, reflection on canopies, searchlight reflections, engine exhaust trails, air-to-air bombs, etc., and sometimes a result of combat fatigue, particularly on the long missions required to bomb Japan.

3. There have been numerous reports of objects which crews have been unable to identify, while on combat missions over Korea during the present conflict. In general, these sightings have assumed a pattern which parallels the overall pattern of World War II reports. The latest reports from Korea have mentioned the employment by the Communist Forces of an airborne searchlight, possibly attached beneath the fuselage of a conventional aircraft and used in conjunction with antiaircraft and/or fighters. The evaluation of this branch of the sightings outlined in the subject above is that these unidentified objects probably are such airborne searchlights.

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which because of combat fatigue, conditions of sightings, weather factors, etc., were assumed to be objects unattached to anything else. Such a report would appear reasonable in view of the fact that an object of this type would naturally become a center of interest, so to speak, and would tend to cause the observers to concentrate on its details rather than to look for anything else in conjunction with it.

4. A detailed investigation of such sightings is being conducted by ATIC. Thus far they have requested additional specific information from PIAF and pending the receipt of the reply to the request they cannot go on record with a firm evaluation. As soon as ATIC can furnish additional details this information will be made known through routine intelligence channels.

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Lt. Col. Hundt/Jab/55894
Wrtn 20 Feb 52

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

PROBLEM

1. To make a statement as to the recent reports of unidentified objects sighted in Korea on the night of 29-30 January 1952.

FACTS AND DISCUSSION

2. On this date, 20 February 1952, Major Jané, AFCPR, contacted AFOIN-V/TC for an evaluated statement as to the unidentified objects reported in Korea on the night 29-30 January 1952. The attached statement represents the Evaluation Division preliminary evaluation of the reported sightings.

ACTION RECOMMENDED

3. Approval, signature, and forwarding.

COORDINATION

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Evaluation of News Articles Concerning Observation of
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1. The following information is submitted upon which to base a reply to Senator Russell:

a. The incident referred to in Senator Russell's letter occurred on the night 29-30 Jan 52. Two different B-29's of FEAF BOMCOM reported sighting an object which was described as follows:

(1) Globe-shaped with slight tear drop effect on lower side. Color resembling sun (light orange) and occasionally changing to a bluish tint. Seemed to have internal churning movement like flames or fiery gases when at nearest point to B-29. (The original report stated that the object was disk-shaped and about three feet in diameter.) One B-29 observed the object for five minutes while the second B-29 at a different location and 24 minutes later observed a similar object for one minute. Although the size was estimated at three feet in both cases, the distance of the object (See next page)

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from the B-29's could not be determined. The second aircraft received flak shortly after sighting the object. Crew members who reported the sighting were in both cases experienced combat crew men, having had experience over Germany in World War II as well as previous experience in the Korean theater.

b. The press release referred to by Senator Russell actually contains a mixture of the information given in the preliminary FIAF report plus that contained in their detailed report, which was submitted subsequent to reinterrogation of the two crews. This release actually played up the "flying saucer" aspects of the incident based upon the initial description of "disk-shaped."

c. ATIC requested FIAF to furnish additional particulars, if available, following receipt of the preliminary reports. Additionally, they requested that FIAF alert their bomber crews to the possibility of such sightings in the future whereupon they would utilize fire control equipment in an effort to determine the distance of such objects from the observing aircraft. Thus far, there have been no additional reports from FIAF of similar sightings and neither ATIC nor AFOIN-V/TC have arrived at a final evaluation of this incident.

d. Based on the meager information thus far available, it is possible to arrive at only tentative evaluations of what the objects may have been. Two possible evaluations follow:

- (1) Observation of the exhaust from an La-9 or La-11 Soviet fighter aircraft. The exhaust stacks on both these single-engine fighters are arranged in a cluster on each side of the fuselage, and it is believed that the exhaust emanating from this installation, when seen at night, would give an illusion such as described in the reports received.
- (2) There have been several reports in the last few months of searchlights attached to jet and piston engined conventional aircraft which have intercepted FIAF bombers over Korea. These identifications have been stated to be positive in most instances. The use of such an airborne searchlight attached to a conventional aircraft on a very dark night would be a second possible explanation of the above incidents, since the attention of the crew would most probably be focused on the light source and this fact coupled with the difficulty of discerning an aircraft silhouette, under extremely poor light conditions, could conceivably account for a report of this nature.

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OBSERVATION: Reference Marine pilot observation of balloons in Wonsan area reported FEAF Intsum 651, 8 Apr 52, this Hqs has received no previous report of the sighting or use of such balloons. An F-4 report recently received (L/I 5 AF, IR-17-52, 6 Mar 52) stated that "Globe-shaped orange-colored objects" recently reported sighted by UN aircraft were in reality a type of WW II Japanese balloon to be elevated "to frighten UN planes from areas", and were being manufactured in Manchuria. One possible explanation of the presently reported sightings, if accurately described, could be that the enemy is experimenting with a new defense measure against low-level UN interdiction efforts. However, the size of the balloons (10-15 ft. in diameter) would seem to preclude any great altitude capability.

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CSAF ITEM 6 [REDACTED]

TO RUPPELT FROM FOURNET

DO YOU HAVE FEAF CABLES BCX 5470

DI DATED 7 FEB AND BCX 5447 DI DATED 6

FEB WITH YOU NOW? IF SO, PLEASE ADVISE

WHETHER THE ADDITIONAL INFO CONTAINED THESE TWO

CABLES PERMITS YOU TO REEVALUATE THESE SIGHTINGS.

END CSAF ITEM 6 [REDACTED]

Lt. Ruppelt

8 Feb 52

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ITEM 1 AMC [REDACTED]

FROM LT E. J. RUPPELT/ATIAA-2C
TO CAPT FOURNET AFOIN-2B3

SECURITY INFORMATION. REFERENCE IS MADE
TO SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT OVER
KOREA ON NIGHT OF 29 JAN 52. PHOTO OF
JET EXHAUST OF F-86 AT NIGHT VERY SIMILAR
TO TWO REPORTS OF OBJECTS NEAR B-29.
THIS SUGGESTS STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT
29 CREWS OBSERVED JET AIRCRAFT OF SOME
TYPE. PHOTOS WERE TAKEN FOR PROPULSION
SECTION OF ATIAA.

END ITEM 1 AMC [REDACTED]

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6 May 52

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CSAF ITEM 7 [REDACTED]

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TO RUPPELT FROM FOURNET

BCK 5470 INDICATES ACTION TO YOU WITH INFO
COPY TO THIS HQ, SO YOU WILL UNDOUDTEDLY
RECEIVE IT LATER TODAY. THE FACT THAT IT IS
ALMOST A DIRECT QUOTATION OF BCK 5447
AND YET IS RESULT OF INTERROGATION OF SECOND
B-29 CREW MENTIONED IN FEAF CABLE A 1925 LED
ME TO ASSUME THAT SOME ADDITIONAL
CONCLUSIONS COULD BE ARRIVED AT. IF YOU
ARE ABLE TO ADD TO YOUR PREVIOUS COMMENTS

AFTER RECEIPT OF BCK 5470, PLEASE PASS SUCH
INFO TO ME SOONEST.

END CSAF ITEM 7 [REDACTED]

TT-42

8 P.M. to 2a

Answered today
by Name [REDACTED]
Lt. [REDACTED]
Lt. [REDACTED]

A + 1 ft 6

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AMC ITEM 16/ [REDACTED]
FROM LT RUPPELT
TO CAPT FOURNET

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8 FEB 52

ATIC WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED ON FEAF
SIGHTING.

INFORMATION

REF CSAF ITEM 7, TT42, 8 FEB 52

END AMC ITEM 16/ [REDACTED]

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AMC ITEM 14/ [REDACTED]
FROM LT RUPPELT
TO CAPT FOURNET

TT 42
8 FEB 52

INFORMATION

WE DO NOT HAVE 5470 DATED 7 FEB.
EVIDENTLY ATIC DID NOT RECEIVE IT.
WHAT ADDITIONAL INFO DOES IT GIVE?
WE HAVE BCK 5447 DATED 6 FEB. WHICH
IS ESSENTIALLY A REPEAT OF
ORIGINAL MESSAGE A1925 DATED 31 JAN 52

END AMC ITEM 14/ [REDACTED]

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III. CONCLUSIONS

No conclusions have been reached as to the identity or origin of these unidentified aerial objects. One possibility is that this may have been some type of flare towed by an aircraft to mark the B-29 for flak crews. No aircraft exhaust flame was reported, however.

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29 January 1952 KOREA [REDACTED] REPORTS

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APPENDIX III

Korea - 29 January 1952

I. DISCUSSION OF INCIDENT

On the night of 29 January 1952 at 2300 and again at 2324, local Korea time, two B-29 crews at different locations observed similar objects near their aircraft. They described them as a disk, approximately three feet in diameter, and with a color similar to the sun. In one instance the object stayed beside the B-29 for five minutes and in the other for one minute.

II. STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION

More details on this incident have been requested.

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REPORT NO. 100-1-62

100 AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

Unidentified flying object

North Korea

Unknown

20 February 1962

With South Korean Intelligence Office

26 January 1962

Intelligence Power, Intelligence Office 1-29 R. R. Crew Report

Not Applicable

Observed one dark colored object, with a white, star-like drop effect, about 1000 feet above ground at the moment, with no altitude. The size is not definitely ascertained, as this is dependent on the distance and the distance was not known. The object was of a color resembling night clouds, but it occasionally showed a bluish tint. The surface of the object appeared to be shiny when it was at the maximum point. It seemed to internal structure somewhat like flint or flinty stones.

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Resistant Tomato and Tomato

Classification of Approving Officers:

position of the several nations of the right as well as a similar one reported by Soviet agents. Special effort in interrogation and cross-examination was made to elicit all information concerning the possibility that this could have been intelligence rather than to be noted that two different agencies engaged in, or from different positions at the same time, reported that, from their contacts, they could not indicate definitely with one source (in all cases being informed of the II corps), as well as several missions in Zaria, that there was very possibly that the fighting could have been no resistance, whatever the cause, and previously explained. The possibility that such stories could have been invented is believed to be slight, but the fact that the story derived from "Soviet" information, from an "Soviet" soldier and was interpreted as such, is important to know. In conclusion it is the opinion of this office that there is no evidence to indicate that the German army has been successful in its operations in the area.

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CRYPTOPRECAUTION APPLIED PD [A 1925] INT-EVAL PASS TO
D/I PD FOLG REPT IS QUOTED IN ENTIRETY FR FEA BOMCOM DAILY
SUMMARY FOR 30 JAN 52 AND COVERING OPRS DURING NIGHT OF 29-30
JA PD QUOTE PD AT [2300/I] ONE UNIDENTIFIED OBJ WAS OBSRD BY THE
CFC CMA LEFT SCANNER AND TAIL GUNNER OF ACFT NO 7332 CMA AT
CU-4020 PD THE DISC SHAPED OBJ PAREN SIZE ESTD BY OBSRS AS 3 FEET
ACROSS PAREN WAS FIRST OBSRD CMA PARALLEL ON CRSE CMA AT 8 OCLOCK
LEVEL CMA DIS FR B-29 UNKNOWN PD THIS OBJ REMAINED W/THE B-29 FOR
APRX 5 MINUTES PD THE OBJ APPEARED AT 8 OCLOCK LEVEL GOING AWAY
FR B-29 PD B-29 WAS AT 22500 FEET CMA HEADING 274 DEGREES CMA 148K

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GRD SPEED PD [AT 2324/I] CMA 1 DISC SHAPED OBJ WAS OBSRD CMA BY
THE LEFT AND TAIL GUNNERS OF ACFT NO 2224 CMA AT YD-5459 PD
THE UNIDENTIFIED OBJ WAS OBSRD SHORTLY BEFORE RECEIVING FLAK PD
THE OBJ APPROACHED THE B-29 FR BETWEEN 8 AND 9 OCLOCK LEVEL THEN
WITHDREW AND DISAPPEARED AT THE SAME CLOCK POSITION PD THE OBSRS
ESTD THE OBJ TO BE APPROX 3 FEET ACROSS WHEN AT ITS NEAREST POINT
TO THE B-29 PD THE OBJ WAS OBSRD FOR ONE MINUTE AT WHICH TIME THE
WEA WAS CAVU PD THE OBJ APPEARED TO BE SPINNING AND A COLOR
RESEMBLING THE SUN PD COMMENTS BY 98 BW INTEL OFF CLN BECAUSE OF
THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THIS SIGHTING AS WELL AS THE SIMILAR ONE
EXPTD ABOVE SPECIAL EFFORT WAS MADE TO ELIM ALL POSSIBLE KNOWN
EALTERNATIVES CLN CONCERNING THE POSSIBLITY THAT THIS COULD HAVE
BEEN A PLEXIGLASS REFLECTION IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT 2 DIFFERENT
CREW MEMBERS SPOTTED THE OBJ FR DIFFERENT POSITIONS AT THE SAME TIME
SMCLN RE FLAK CMA FLARES CMA AND ROCKETS CMA CREW MEMBERS INDICATED
THEIR THOROUGH FAMILIARITY W/SUCH OJBS PAREN IN ALL CASES BEING
VETERANS WW 2 COMBAT CMA AS WELL AS SEVERAL MSNS IN KOREA PAREN AND
STATED VERY EMPHATICALLY THAT THE SIGHTINGS NOTED ABOVE BORE NO
RESEMBLANCE WHATSOEVER TO ANYTHING THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY EXPERIENCED
PD THE POSSIBILITY THAT SUCH STORIES COULD HAVE BEEN FABRICATED

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IS BELIEVED TO BE OBLIVIATED BY THE FACT THAT THE CREWS INVOLVED
CMA FR DIFFERENT SQS CMA FLEW ON DIFFERENT MSNS AND WERE INTERROGATED
AT WIDELY SEPARATED TIME PAREN 1 HR PAREN PD IN CONCLUSIN IT IS
THE OPINION OF THIS OFFICER THAT THESE SIGHTINGS REPRESENT
ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF NEW TECHNIQUE IN WARFARE UNDER TEST BY
THE ENY PD COMMENT BY D/I CMA FEA F BOMCOM CLN IT IS ASSUMED THAT
THERE IS STILL A VERY REAL POSSIBLIITY THAT THESE PHENOMENA MAY VERY
WELL INDICATE THE PRESENCE OF NEW ENY FLARE DEVICES CMA DESPITE
THE UNIT INTEL OFFS FELLING THAT SUCH POSSIBILITIES ARE RULED OUT
PD ASIDE FROM THAT CMA IT IS WORTH MENTIONING THAT THE 98 WG
COMMANDER WAS PRESENT DURING ONE OF THE SUBJ INTERROGATIONS CMA
AND WARNED THE CREW MEMBERS AS TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN REPTG
SUCH OBSERVATIONS PD SPECIAL REPT OF UNIDENTIFIED FTYING OJJS W/B
SUBMITTED PD UNQUOTE PD VIEW OF UTTER LACK SIMILAR OBSERVATIONS IN
PAST AND NO FIRM INDICATIONS ON WHICH TO BASE EVALUATION REQ YOUR
COMMENTS RE ABOVE

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